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SUBJECT: WTO SERVICES NEGOTIATIONS - U.S. MARKET ACCESS
PRIORITIES IN JAMAICA

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1. This message contains post's response to reftel request.

2. Jamaica's service markets are generally open, and the GOJ itself welcomes foreign companies that want to set up operations in the country. Foreign service suppliers are permitted to participate in the Jamaican market, and they are provided the same treatment as domestic service suppliers. Some sectors are crowded and highly competitive, making them difficult to enter, but there are no legal restrictions in place. These sectors have been marked as having "medium" levels of market openness.

3. XXXXXXX funds are entirely managed by the GOJ. There are no opportunities for private firms to compete in this market.

4. Priority Sectors for U.S. Service Suppliers

Type of service - market openness

Priority 1

- Real estate - high
- Rental/leasing - high
- Management consulting - high
- Services incidental to mining - high
- Energy services - high
- Services incidental to energy distribution - high
- Investigation and security - medium
- Packaging - high
- Convention - high
- Telecommunication - high
- Audiovisual - high
- Educational - high
- Environmental - high
- Tourism and travel - high
- Recreation and sporting - high

Priority 2

- Accounting, auditing and bookkeeping - High
- Computer - High
- Technical testing and analysis - High
- Scientific and technical consulting - High
- Maintenance and repair of equipment - High
- Photographic - High
- Printing and publishing - High
- Courier (express delivery) - High
- Construction and related engineering - High
- Banking and other financial, including securities - Medium

Priority 3

- Architectural - High
- Engineering and integrated engineering - High
- Urban planning and landscape architecture - High
- Market research and public opinion polling - High

Priority 4

- Advertising - High
- Distribution - Medium
- Insurance - Medium

Priority 5

- Legal - Medium
- Taxation - High
- Research and development - High
- Services incidental to agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing - High

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